

LOCAL NEWS.

Wood is in demand. The scarcity of wood haulers is occasioned by the farmers having commenced their farming operations.

There are only two weeks longer for delinquent tax-payers to settle. After March the 1st the cost and taxes will be doubled.

Mr. Pleas Henderson was seriously though not dangerously hurt a few miles east of here Wednesday by a horse falling on him.

Mr. J. M. Nicholson, from near Chappell Hill was in the city Friday, and from him it was learned that all the cases of smallpox near there were well and had been discharged.

This is the planting season; when the wise business man sows an advertisement in the BANNER, luxuriates in the genial sunshine of prosperity, and proceeds to reap a rich harvest of trade, while his less enterprising neighbor complains of the drouth of customers.

Mr. Louis Fink, who recently purchased the W. A. Stuckert stock of dry goods, clothing and groceries, has an advertisement in this issue to which attention is directed. He is offering the stock at from 10 to 20 per cent below cost at the store formerly occupied by Mr. T. J. Pampell, on Sandy street.

Wednesday evening a couple of Polanders engaged in a difficulty on Main street, one of whom having the worst of the fight, made complaint against the other for assaulting him, and Constable Boyd steered him through the mill of Justice E. P. Curry's court, while he paid toll in the sum of \$12.80.

Mr. Williams, who acted guard during the confinement of Brenham's only case of smallpox which was recently discharged, will be given his liberty next Monday, if in the meantime there are no indications that he is going to contract the disease, which is not at all probable, as his vaccination took well.

Mr. Clancy, who it will be remembered by readers of the BANNER fell off a hand car and was run over getting his leg broken, near the Quarry on the Santa Fe north of here (some two months ago), was in the city Thursday, having been discharged from the hospital at Galveston after a nine weeks confinement. He was still unable to walk without the aid of a cane.

The BANNER acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the latest composition, "The Hearts That True," song and music by J. S. McMurry vocalist and composer, and director of the Houston Light Guard Minstrels, which he will sing here on the occasion of the company's performance on the 23rd inst. The Light Guard minstrels will doubtless be given a good house here.

The aspirants for official honors in the city government are slow to announce their intentions in the premises, but judging from the talk current on the streets, though the campaign is late opening it gives promise of being quite a spirited contest before the first Tuesday in April. Already there are three candidates spoken of for Mayor, two for city assessor and collector. Gentlemen if you intend making the race it is time you were letting the public know about it before they make up their mind who they are going to vote for.

Commissioners' court adjourned Friday, after which the board, with the exception of Mr. R. B. Johnson, who left on the 3 o'clock train for his home at Chappell Hill, went out to the county poor farm to inspect it. A reporter rounded up one of the board after their return, from whom he learned that the institution was well managed and the inmates properly cared for, all of whom were as well satisfied with their lot as could be expected under the circumstances. The inmates report that they get plenty to eat, and comfortable clothing.

Mr. H. W. Bence, an ex-convict of the Kansas penitentiary, was on the streets lecturing on prison life Friday, and selling the "Twin Hells," a book reciting his experience and that of the author, Reynolds, an ex-convict of the Missouri penitentiary. His recital of his experience to the large crowd that gathered around him was more interesting than that of the ordinary book agent and that he touched a sympathetic cord during the graphic recital of his experience in the coal mines was evidenced by the tears that trickled down numerous faces whose weather-worn features showed no indication that they were so near the surface. His statement was briefly to the effect that he was convicted of murdering his employer, on circumstantial evidence, and was given a ten years sentence, five of which was served out, when the man's wife made a deathbed confession to the effect that she murdered her husband, and that he was innocent.

The Planting Season.

Now that the planting season approaches the farmers naturally expect the newspaper to commence their annual advice, at which he turns up his nose in derision, knowing that the average newspaper man has had little or no experience practically in the avocation in which he assumes to dictate just how it should be done, and how the farmers should proceed in the early spring to do it, but the advice he knows is forthcoming, and the sooner he reads it and gets over it, and mentally compares the editors' head to one of the fall products of his new ground corn fields—pumpkins, the better pleased he will be, so the BANNER without assuming to dictate or advise suggests that if the farmers of Washington county would diversify their crops more they would perhaps be more prosperous. If they would raise their own corn, potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, beans, peas and their own pork, there might be less cotton raised, but the county would be more prosperous and there would be less cause for cursing the monopolies that are cornering their necessities and making them feel more perceptibly every year the touch of moneyed despotism. If the crops were diversified so as to raise all the necessities that the land of this county is capable of producing there would be an immense saving in railroad freights alone, besides the profits of the middlemen handling products to retail to farmers who own land, that produce just as well, the very things they are buying at advanced prices.

STATE NEWS.

Burglars are getting in their work at Victoria.

Pointblank has had twelve cases of smallpox.

Senator Burney is sick and unable to be at Austin.

The new depot at Sherman is to be commenced at once.

A colony from Kansas is looking for land in Bee county.

One negro disemboweled another at Houston Tuesday.

The Santa Fe is making extensive improvements at Midlothian.

The Womans industrial Home has been opened up at Fort Worth.

A cooking main was one of the features of the Galveston mardi gras.

The Santa Fe is putting in an additional switch at Merrit, Hunt county.

The East Texas Fire Insurance Company of Tyler is going out of business.

The reports of minegetius at Springtown were considerably exaggerated.

The city limits of Fort Worth are at last to be extended on the South side.

At Marshal Wednesday the residence of Mrs. E. A. Lancaster was burned.

Sherman has found the requisite number of people, and will now get her new charter.

The store of A. Bergmann, at Goliad was burglarized Wednesday night and \$200 taken.

San Marcos denies having a single case of smallpox. Several two miles from there.

H. A. Tyner, a brakeman was killed at Jefferson Wednesday. His home was at Poplar Bluff.

J. T. Marks, of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass R. R. company died at Eagle Pass Monday.

Senator Page's bill providing for a uniform system of text books called up in the Texas senate.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. Christmas was run over by a street car in Austin Wednesday.

The fight over the creation of Ross county will not be settled by the Legislature before next week.

It is now settled that the new administration is going to settle in some way all the old land disputes.

The president vetoed the Dallas public building bill, but there is a chance of the bill passing over his veto.

Under the new division of U. S. district courts recommended, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas would form one district.

It is reported in Texarkana that Mayor R. L. Henry of that city has been appointed assistant attorney-general of Texas.

Memorial services over the deceased members of the House of Representatives have been postponed until the 20th.

Seymour is to have another new two-story brick block on a corner lot. It will have 120 feet front and seventy five feet depth.

During the trades display at Galveston Monday Mrs. Antone Helman's residence was entered and an old trunk in the attic was rifled of \$4,300 in greenbacks. The family were down town looking at the parade.

D. C. Collier, late of the editorial staff of the Ft. Worth Gazette, has accepted the position of city editor of the Capitolian at Austin.

A passenger train ran into a lot of freight cars at Hempstead Tuesday seriously disabling the engine and wrecking a number of cars.

The independent democrats at Dallas are casting about for a suitable man to run against the regular nominee for Mayor, Geo. C. Cole.

Scott Hogg, formerly of Wise county was assassinated at Claude Wednesday night, and his son-in-law Joe Sut is under arrest suspected of the crime.

The Weekly Trumpet, now published at Thorndale, Milam county, will be moved to McDade, Bastrop county, where it will be called the McDade Trumpet.

Mrs. Bertha Gros who shot Sergt. Jas. Hartley about a month ago at the Post G. A. R. at San Antonio, has been placed in jail in default of a \$500 bond.

A rumor is current in railroad circles at Salt Lake City that a deal is on foot which will result in the absorption of the Rio Grande Western by the Santa Fe.

Charlotte Stepto, of Waco, an octogenarian, was found dead in her home Tuesday evening. Death is supposed to have been caused by heart failure.

Mr. Truitt has introduced a bill in the Legislature to prohibit fire insurance companies from reinsuring Texas risks in companies not authorized to do business in Texas.

District Judge Miller, is disqualified in the Marlow Mote case at Graham, and the governor has to appoint a special judge because the parties to the suit have failed to agree on one.

Mary Smith, an aged colored woman, was burned to death in her cabin in an east Palestine colored suburb Tuesday morning. It is supposed she attempted to light the fire with kerosene.

The sheriff of Bexar county ordered the gambling rooms of San Antonio to close, and without an exception or protest they closed, and the growl of the tiger is heard no more in the land of Temaleville.

The Panther city sent a 40 foot petition to the Legislature asking the solons not to give their city council their proposed new charter power to regulate the opening and closing of saloons on Sunday.

Hall County Herald: Memphis is going to have one of the neatest depots between Fort Worth and Texline. It will be a frame building, finished in the neatest style. This will be the neatest depot on the line outside of Vernon.

Several sad deaths have occurred near Sherman recently. Mrs. Sanders, her daughter and granddaughter have all died in a week and her son is expected to die. A baby of Mr. John More was found dead in bed there Tuesday.

At a negro dance at Palestine Tuesday night Sam Harris shot at Phil Lewis and the ball lodged in a man named Neal inflicting probably a fatal wound. Harris then hit on Lewis with a knife inflicting a dozen ghastly wounds, and is now in jail.

It is not believed that this legislature will enact any coal oil law, and the combine heretofore entered into by the servant and fire and the kerosene can for forming a corner on the road to heaven will be allowed to continue business at the old stand.

George Monell, a newsboy at Dallas was accidentally shot in the neck with a target rifle Tuesday and only lived a few minutes. A boy named Pat was handling the gun at the time of its discharge and skipped out at once and has not been seen since.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stallard, of Waco, has instituted suit for \$15,000 against that city for damages, that the authorities seized her husband while he had a high fever and thrust by force and arms into a pest car and hauled to a place beyond the city limits where he was kept until he died.

At San Antonio Tuesday, Chas. Foote, a machinist, lost a part of his right hand by having it caught in a lathe, while another machinist, whose name is James Ragsdale, had one of his legs badly crushed by the falling of a large piece of iron pipe. Both accidents happened within a short time of each other at the same establishment, F. F. Collins' machine shops.

The Terrell asylum board Tuesday finished the work of confirming appointments as follows: First assistant superintendent, Dr. E. S. White. Wise county; second assistant superintendent, Dr. B. F. Church, Austin; steward, B. M. Crenshaw, Galveston; matron, Mrs. T. E. Stiggs, Hayes county. It seems all Terrell appointments were gently and gracefully put away by the superintendent. The administration is now in working order.

Wm. Green alias William Ligon an old man supposed to be wealthy who had lived alone near LaGrange was found dead Wednesday. He had eaten out his eyes and tongue. No valuables being found in his house foul play is suspected.

The work on the Colorado gold mine, says the Clipper, is progressing very satisfactorily to the superintendent, who is sinking a smaller shaft right in the center of the old one, about eight feet in diameter, and is going down very fast considering everything. The last work seems to be in black slate, with considerable indications of coal, and we shall not be surprised to hear that coal in paying quantities is struck in the next twenty feet.

Thomas Collier, at one time sheriff of Young county, in jail on a charge of being implicated in the Young county tragedy which occurred on the 19th of January, 1889, and in which five men were killed and a number wounded, died in the county jail Thursday of typhoid fever. He was surrounded by friends and five men confined in the jail on the same charge that he was. The Young county tragedy is generally known as the Marlow mob case. The prisoners are held without bail for complicity with the mob that attacked and killed the Marlow boys. Collier is the second prisoner that has died in confinement, and a third is now sick. Great complaint is heard at the refusal either to grant them bail or bring them to trial.

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